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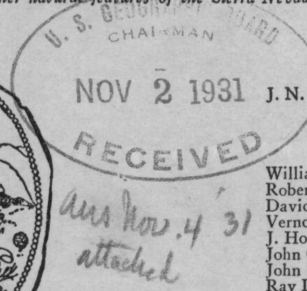
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Mr. Frank Bond, Chairman  
United States Geographic Board  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bond:

I am very happy to know that my book "Place Names of the High Sierra" is serving its purpose. You are, of course, quite free to use it as much as you like, and I shall esteem it an honor to have you quote from it, or make extracts. The book was a labor of love, both on my part and on the part of the Sierra Club, as it is sold at less than actual cost, and my services were free. If it can be put to such good purposes as you propose it will be most gratifying to the Club and to myself.

Last year I prepared, at the request of the National Park Service, a memorandum on some proposed place names, and forwarded it to the California State Geographic Board. I believe the list of names originally emanated from your office. I hope that it has found its way back there in such form that you can use it.

I have one request to make on behalf of the people who visit the mountains, and that is that you restore the name Mount Langley to the peak just south of Mount Whitney, instead of Mount Corcoran, which has appeared on the latest U. S. G. S. maps. This mountain has suffered a great deal from change of name. It was once known as Sheep Mountain, then Mount Whitney, then as False Mount Whitney or Old Mount Whitney, then the name Sheep Mountain came back and finally R. B. Marshall gave it the name of Mount Langley when the Mount Whitney Quadrangle was prepared. In the meantime the Wheeler Survey used the name Mount Corcoran. That name, however, was never known locally and I doubt if anyone who ever resided in that region or who has visited the mountain in the last 50 years has used that name. Very few have ever heard of it. The name Mount Langley has come into general use through the U. S. G. S. maps and through such publications as the Sierra Club Bulletin and is the name now universally used by the local people in the Owens Valley. It seems unfortunate that a map should come out bearing a name which never had the sanction of usage. Each year that such maps are in use only adds to the confusion.

Sincerely yours,

*Francis P. Farquhar*

*Hold for a time*